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Sri S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" May I know, Sir, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that some of the quarters provided for the Non-Gazetted officers are leaky and not kept in good repair? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" If a specific complaint is brought to my notice, I will have it looked into."

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government of India have offered some financial facilities under the Five-Year Plan for constructing cheap houses both for officials and non-officials? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I want notice, Sir."

Medical concessions to Non-Gazetted officers.

* 369 Q.—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 11-20 a.m.

(a) whether the Government have received representations from Non-Gazetted officers for removing defects in the medical concessions granted to them; and

(b) if so, what the alleged defects are?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) No such representation has been received from the Non-Gazetted officers."

Construction of houses by the Co-operative Housing Societies in the City.

* 370 Q.—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of houses constructed by the Housing Society in Madras City during the year 1953–54;

(b) whether any representation has been made by the Government Housing Society regarding loans to individual persons on Housing Schemes in the month of August 1954; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government and the amount of increased loan, if any, sanctioned for Housing Scheme for the middle class?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The number of houses constructed by all Housing Societies in the Madras City during 1953–54 is 146.

" (b) A sub-committee representing the Co-operative Housing Societies in the City made a representation to Government for raising the maximum limit of loan admissible to an individual member from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 12,000. There is no Government Housing Society.

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" (c) The Government passed orders in October 1954 raising the maximum amount of Government loan admissible to an individual member of a Co-operative Building Society from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 10,000 and removing the then existing restriction regarding the income limit of Rs. 400 per mensem for the grant of loans."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know the terms and conditions subject to which a housing society grants loans and the security amount that a borrower is asked to deposit? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Gentleman may put down a separate question."

Periodical refresher course to Judicial officers.

* 371 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to give periodical refresher course to Judicial officers; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) Does not arise."

Assignment of house-sites to Harijans in Nagappa Nagar, Basin Bridge, Madras.

* 372 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Harijan residents of Nagappa Nagar, Basin Bridge, Madras, for assignment to them of the house-sites occupied by them for more than 50 years; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The representation has been forwarded to the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, for consideration when he submits detailed proposals for drawing up a programme for slum clearance which has been called for from him."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know whether this private land does not belong to a Government servant working in the Collectorate? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" To whomsoever it may belong, it does not matter."